

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 37-63, 85-87, 92-119, 138-165, and 167.

In view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9, 25, 77, and 127, applicants have amended these claims to be independent claims, including for each claim the features of its respective base claim and any respective intervening claims. All amendments are shown relative to the patent specification in effect as of the date of filing this reissue application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(g).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of all of the remaining claims, but in order to move this case forward, have cancelled claims 1-8, 10-24, 26-36, 64-76, 78-84, 120-122, 124-126, 128-137, and 166, rendering moot the rejections thereof.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants attach an appendix showing a complete listing of the currently pending claims and showing the amendments requested in this paper.

Entry of this amendment after final rejection is proper because cancellation of the rejected claims removes all bases for rejection, clearing the way for allowance of all of the remaining claims, thereby placing the case in condition for allowance, or else greatly reducing the number of issues on appeal.

Applicants therefore request entry of this amendment, reconsideration, and a prompt Notice of Allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

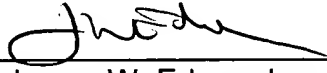
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